

DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on September 28, 2009, has been entered.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 28, 2009 was filed after the mailing date of the Notice of Allowability on August 28, 2009. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner. Furthermore, examiner notes that, the prior art (US 7251808 by Bates et al. & US 2004/0230954 by Dandoy) have already been considered. – See Form 892 mailed on 11/05/2007.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1-6, 8-23, 26, and 27 are allowed.

4. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Additional information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on September 28, 2009 have been fully considered and the claims are allowed for the same reason given in the Notice of Allowability mailed on August 28, 2009.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARINA LEE whose telephone number is (571)270-1648. The examiner can normally be reached on Tue.-Fri. (11:00 am to 7: 30 pm) EST. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Monday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tuan Q. Dam can be reached on (571) 272-3695. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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